

Remarks

The specification is being amended to correct two minor errors. Corrected copies of Figs. 1 and 5B are also attached for the Examiner's review and approval, the corrections being the addition of a missing reference numeral in Fig. 1 and changing erroneous reference numerals in Fig. 5B.

The original claims in the application are being cancelled and a new set of claims are being submitted, which claims have been drawn with particular attention to Brown, et al. US patent 5,226,120, cited in the Written Opinion of the corresponding PCT application and submitted in the IDS mailed June 7, 2001.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 12 through 23 are respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version With Markings To Show Changes Made"**

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached:
Corrected Figs. 1 and 5B

“Version With Markings To Show Changes Made”

In the Substitute Specification:

Paragraph beginning at page 5, line 23 has been amended as follows:

FIGS. 5A and 5B depicts the method steps of a ~~an~~ network management system initiated update in accordance with an aspect of our invention; and

Paragraph beginning at page 6, line 11, has been amended as follows:

The connections 228 and 229 ~~is~~are done using an Operating System/Network Element (OS/NE) protocol such as SNMP for IP domain network elements and connection 228 TL-1 for SONET equipment.